



Iowa Youth Congress



Iowa Youth Congress Members

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The Iowa Commissions on
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& Pacific Islander Heritage,
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African Americans,
Sisters on Target,
and Diversity Focus.

We embark on this work because among the most endearing gifts that one generation gives the next is the gift of heritage and the opportunity for a better life. The purpose of the Youth Congress is to evoke a sense of community and place and infuse the coming generation with hope.

The 100 member Youth Congress representatives are elected from 48 Iowa High Schools across 21 counties, which represent 75% of Iowa's minority students. The minority student enrollment in 2006 in the target schools was 12,811 and for every 128 in a given target school one representative was elected.

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We need your help!

Over a five month period in 2006 more than 4,100 students were convened across 48 Iowa high schools to elect 100 student representatives. On December First, 2006, the Iowa Youth Congress held their daylong session in the Iowa House Chamber.

The Representatives were impressive in their grasp of the issues which they debated with a sense of seriousness and maturity beyond their years. Before the close of their session they voted on which issues to present before the 82nd Iowa General Assembly.

The Iowa Youth Congress is being recognized as a model for the nation. Major national newspapers are showing interest in covering the second annual congress which will meet December 7th, 2007 in the Iowa House Chamber.

Please help us continue this work by joining the Dream Forward Donor Team. Make your contribution in the amount you feel comfortable with to the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs in support of the Iowa Youth Congress. We will recognize your contribution on our web site and during the Youth Congress dinner which will follow the second annual session.



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